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SUBJECT: MARCOS ON STRENGTHENING PHILIPPINE TO PROTECT OFFSHORE
OIL AREAS

1. DURING JULY 27 COMMISSIONING CEREMONY FOR FOUR
NEW PHILIPPINE NAVY VESSELS (THREE OF THEM ACQUIRED
FROM U.S.) PRESIDENT MARCOS COMMENTED: "THERE IS
NOW A GREATER NEED TO KNOW EVERYTHING THAT HAPPENS
IN THE TERRITORIAL WATERS OF THE PHILIPPINES, AND IN
AREAS WHERE OUR ECONOMIC FUTURE IS AT STAKE.... WE
ALSO, OF COURSE, SEEK TO PROTECT OUR NATIONAL INTEREST
IN THE NEW AND EXCITING AREA OF OIL EXPLORATION AND
EXPLOITATION. SO TODAY WE DECLARE A NEW ROLE FOR THE
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PHILIPPINE NAVY FROM THAT OF A MINOR SUPPORT ROLE TO

THAT OF A MAJOR LINE OF PROTECTION AND DEFENSE."

2. ABOVE WAS PRINTED IN "ORIENT NEWS" BUT ALL OTHER PAPERS CARRIED SIMILAR ACCOUNTS, WITH SEVERAL OBSERVING THAT ALTHOUGH HE DID NOT MENTION GEOGRAPHIC NAMES, PRESIDENT WAS OBVIOUSLY REFERRING TO PALAWAN AND REED BANK. " BULLETIN TODAY" HEADLINE WAS "NAVY TO POLICE OFFSHORE OIL FINDINGS HERE".

3. PRC AMBASSADOR KE HUA WAS IN PROMINENT POSITION AMONG DIPLOMATS IN AUDIENCE WHEN THESE REMARKS WERE DELIVERED. SULLIVAN

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